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1. The barracks of the 46th Mecz. Regt. were located in the central part of the town of Klosterneuburg [4818N-1619E], Austria. As far as I know, no other Soviet units were stationed in Klosterneuburg. 25X1A
The regimental commanding officer was Col. (fnu) ZVEREV, the Political Deputy Lt. Col. (fnu) YEMETS, and the reconnaissance company commander, Major (fnu) VOROBYEV.
2. The regimental T/O was as follows:
- a. Two rifle battalions
 - b. One artillery battalion
 - c. One tank battalion equipped with T-34 tanks
 - d. One mortar battalion equipped with 120 and 82 mm. mortars
 - e. One AA MG company equipped with 12.7 mm. Degtyarev machine guns
 - f. One combat engineer company
 - g. One reconnaissance company

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- 25X1X 3. The reconnaissance company [redacted] 25X1X
[redacted] was broken down into two platoons: a platoon of armored carriers and SP guns, [redacted] The first 25X1
platoon had 16 to 18 men, and the second about 15 men, making a total of approximately 35 EM and 3 officers (1 company commander and 2 platoon leaders). The armored carriers and SP gun platoon had four to five armored carriers and two SP guns SU-152 (?) (sic). Each armored carrier was armed with two MGs of a make and caliber unknown to me and had a crew of two men. I do not know the exact caliber of the SP guns or the number of men required to man them. The 25X1
armored car platoon had six BA-64 armored cars armed with one MG of a caliber and make unknown to me; each car had a two-man crew. I do not remember [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] An armored carrier and armored car normally had a sergeant as car commander and a private as driver. According to company T/E drivers only had to be armed with TT pistols, but the car commanders, with submachine guns. In our company, however, the drivers were armed with TT pistols, PPSH submachine guns, and flare pistols; the car commanders were armed with TT pistols and PPSH submachine guns. I do not know the reason why these additional weapons were issued. I never heard of any demolition charges in company cars. I was told that an armored carrier could travel approximately 200 km. with a tankful of gasoline.

4. Every soldier was issued a gas mask of a type unknown to me; unless there was an alert we never carried gas masks.
5. Reconnaissance company EM were from the 1930-1933 classes, but only nine soldiers belonged to the class of 1933; sergeants belonged to the class of 1930. A sergeant of the class of 1929 was demobilized from this company in October 1952.
6. The daily schedule of the regiment was approximately as follows:

0600	Reveille
0610-0635	Physical training
0635-0650	Personal toilet
0650-0710	Inspection
0710-0740	Breakfast
0740-0800	Close order drill
0800-1300	Training
1300-1330	Dinner
1330-1400	Individual care and maintenance of weapons
1400-1530	Rest period
1530-1830	Training
1830-2030	Political indoctrination lectures and discussions
2030-2130	Supper
2130-2230	Political indoctrination lectures and discussions
2230-2300	Roll call, evening drill
2300	Taps

7. When I arrived in Klosterneuburg, [redacted] the 46th Mecz 25X1X
Regt. was not training. Winter training was supposed to start on 1 December and soldiers of my company and presumably soldiers of the entire regiment, were busy cleaning, polishing, lubricating and greasing their vehicles for the winter conservation period. When not otherwise busy, everyone was made to scrub the barrack floors, etc.
8. Food in the regiment was rather good, but always insufficient. I was always hungry, [redacted] 25X1
9. I never saw or heard of Soviet army dependents in Klosterneuburg.

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10. I know of only one case of disciplinary punishment in my company; the regimental Zampolit had discovered a bottle of schnapps in a soldier's bed and had given the man 10 days in the guard house as punishment.
11. Although I cannot judge the morale of the regiment, nor describe relations between officers and enlisted men. I did notice that [redacted] 25X1
12. As far as I remember there were only two political lectures given to the regiment [redacted] 25X1X
These lectures concerned the usual anti-Western propaganda about American capitalists preparing for aggression against the Soviet Union; some information was also related about the 19th Congress of the All-Union Communist Party in Moscow.
13. On several occasions we were told by our officers (especially by the Zampolit that after exploiting deserters for intelligence purposes, the Americans return them to Soviet control. I did not believe these stories, nor, probably, did others.
14. I know nothing regarding fraternization by officers and EM. Except for a female dishwasher employed in the officers' mess, there were no Austrian nationals employed in the barracks area.
15. Neither I nor anyone I knew, ever listened to foreign broadcasts.

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